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FOR: FIXING DEVICE, IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS INCLUDING THE FIXING DEVICE, AND FIXING

**METHOD** 

## **AMENDMENT**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to continued examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.